

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Dec 11, 2017**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members in attendance were Ken Lewis, Kathy Lock, Bob Wood and Becky Craft.*

*Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.*

*Harry acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.*

### **2. Approval of the Dec 11, 2017 meeting agenda**

**Motion:** *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the Dec 11, 2017, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Becky Craft. **The motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.***

### **3. Approval of the Nov13, 2017 Town meeting minutes**

**Motion:** *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the Nov 13, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Becky Craft. **The motion carried 5-0.***

### **4 Correspondence**

We have received several letters in regards to the 2020 census.

### **5. Reports:**

#### **a. Treasurer's Report**

*Kathy Lock presented the Nov. 2017 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Kathy referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting.*

**Motion:** *Becky Craft made a motion to approve the Nov. 2017 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ken Lewis seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.***

#### **b. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator**

*Mayor Ward gave the report and said that Bob Clemdaniel had worked 9 hours this month. He had 1 building permit.*

c. Tax Collector Report

*Kathy Lock presented the Tax Collector report noting that there was still a little bit more to be collected. There will be reminders sent this month for those who are delinquent.*

d. Town Street Committee

*Jimmy Dalton reported that he has secured a snow removal proposal from Jerry's paving and is working out the final details.*

*He will contact Jerrys Paving for pricing on repave of town parking lot. We will try to coordinate with the paving also being proposed for the 2 Fire Dept. lots*

*Jimmy also noted that he has also received a quote from Paul Watts to repave any of the access roads that need work for a price of \$50.00 per street plus the cost of the stone.*

*The Restrooms have been closed and will reopen on April 1*

*The Delaware Launch Service has done a great job on repairs and putting down a lot of stone on Passwater Drive.*

**6 Mayoral & Council updates**

*Our Mayor was the keynote speaker at the DNREC resiliency conference, Harry addressed the process that occurred after the town received a significant grant last year. Many people who attended said that Harry did a great job with his presentation.*

*The adopt a highway program is looking for groups to participate in this area. Two local groups, the Slaughter Beach Sailing Club and the Draper Family, have already taken on the cause. If you would like to find out more please go to the DelDot website*

*There have been two drive by shooting on Bay Avenue this month. There has been multi conversations with the state police in regards to these incidents. Both incidents targeted the same house so they don't appear to be random in nature.*

## 7 **Old Business**

### a. Sand on the beach

*The ACE reported that they will submit the feasibility report to their headquarters in Washington D.C. in the next month or so. Slaughter Beach is part of that plan. Once headquarters reviews the plan, they will then submit for funding.*

*We contacted Cape Farms with regards to beach grass for the upcoming season and reserved the same amount as last year.*

### b. USDA Wastewater and Water Grant

*Engineering report from DB&F should be available in early 2018.*

### c. DNREC Resiliency Grant

*We are waiting for the final report from DNREC.*

### d. Board Walk at Marvel Ave.

Project is fully funded and DelDot will manage the construction of the project. The timing and details is being worked on at this point.

The town is looking into the process of having a 5K race in coordination with the start of the boardwalk.

## 8 **New Business**

- a.i. There was a FOIA submitted to the town this month. It has been brought to our attention that there was an email generated from some members of the Town Council about Pat Catanzaniti. Pat, if you recall, was running for town council in July's election. The email disrespected her character and lifestyle. We sincerely apologize to Pat for any heartache this caused her. The Town Council has learned from this issue and will refrain from this type of behavior moving forward.

a.ii. Councilwomen Becky Craft has rewritten the towns Emergency Operations Plan. She forwarded the plan to both the Fire Department and to the Sussex County Emergency operations area in Georgetown for their review and comments. She will revise, if necessary, and send to the Town Council for their review. Once completed, she will than forward to the State for review before it is adopted. Thanks Becky for a job well done.

a.iii. After discussion at last month's meeting, it was decided that we would further discuss and vote on a fee attached to any Board of Adjustment request. After looking into the cost the town incurs and charges that several of our neighboring town levy, it was agreed that a fee of \$750.00 would seem proper.

***Motion:*** A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve this fee. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. ***The motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.***

a.iv. We have drafted an updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) After much discussion, Council meet with both Milford and Sussex county to discuss items that would be of interest to either in their current plans. We will also forward this plan to the state for their review. The Mapping graphics have been awarded for production.

Once we receive comments back from the state, we will look at possible changes and resubmit to the state for approval.

## 9 Open Forum

*There was discussion about the outcome of the taxes and the Ahmens property. After looking at several options including a sheriff's sale, it was determined that the expense would not justify the small amount of taxes generated by the property.*

**10. Adjournment**

***Motion:*** Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Becky Kraft seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**11. Upcoming Events**

Next Town Council meeting – Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood  
Secretary